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SUMMARY: THE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL HAS RELEASED A REVISED
SCHEDULE FOR THE ELECTORAL PROCESS. AN "ELECTORAL
DIRECTOR" IS APPOINTED. END SUMMARY.

1. THE PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE FOR CONDUCT OF THE
AUGUST 6 ELECTIONS (REPORTED REFTTEL) WAS REVISED
BY THE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL IN DECREEE NUMBER 7 ISSUED
FEBRUARY 20. THE SCHEDULE NOW STANDS AS FOLLOWS:

ON 6 MARCH - THE ELECTORAL PROCESS IS OPENED.

ON 6 MARCH THE PERIOD OF PRESENTING THE
NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES BEGINS.

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ON 9 MARCH - THE PERIOD FOR REGISTRATION OF
SUPPORTERS BEGINS.

ON 15 MARCH-THE PERIOD OF CHANGE OF RESIDENCE
IN THE ELECTORAL REGISTRY BEGINS.

ON 7 APRIL-THE PERIOD FOR PRESENTING THE

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES CLOSES.
DEADLINE FOR CHALLENGING CANDIDATES: DURING THE
ENTIRE PERIOD OF NOMINATION OR UP UNTIL 24 HOURS
AFTER THE RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A NOMINATION REQUEST IS
SIGNED IF THE 24-HOUR PERIOD EXPIRES AFTER THE
CLOSING OF THE PERIOD OF PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES'
NOMINATIONS. (6 MARCH-7 APRIL).

ON 30 APRIL-THE PERIOD OF REGISTRATION OF
SUPPORTERS CLOSES.

ON 5 MAY-THE PERIOD FOR CHALLENGING THE
REGISTRATION OF SUPPORTERS CLOSES.

ON 16 MAY-THE DEADLINE ENDS FOR THE ISSUANCE
OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF PROVINCIAL ELECTORAL
REGISTRARS BY WHICH ACCEPTED CANDIDATES FOR EACH
CORREGIMIENTO ARE DECLARED ACCORDING TO
ARTICLE 34 OF LAW 5 OF 1978.

ON 25 MAY-PUBLICATION OF THE LISTS OF ACCEPTED
CANDIDATES.

ON JUNE 15-THE PERIOD OF RESIDENCE CHANGE IN THE
ELECTORAL REGISTRY CLOSES.

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ON 22 JULY-THE TERM EXPIRES FOR THE APPOINTMENT
OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY VOTE COUNTING
BOARD AND THE POLLS.

ON 24 JULY-THE FINAL ELECTORAL REGISTRY IS
PUBLISHED.

ON 1 AUGUST-INSTALLATION OF THE COMMUNITY
VOTE COUNTING BOARDS.

ON 5 AUGUST-INSTALLATION OF THE POLLS.

ON 6 AUGUST-POPULAR ELECTIONS.

2. ON FEBRUARY 27, DR. AURELIO CORREA WAS INSTALLED
AS "ELECTORAL DIRECTOR" OF THE OFFICIAL TALLY
BOARD, THE BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR "REPRESENTING THE
INTERESTS OF SOCIETY" BEFORE THE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL
AND FOR DEALING WITH ELECTORAL CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS.
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